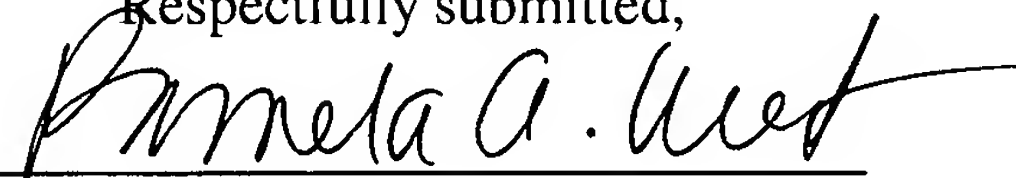


REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were previously presented for examination. Pursuant to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 12, 2006, claims 1-26 are presented herewith. Original claims 1-14 are allowed. Original claims 15-26 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicants affirm that no new matter has been added to the patent application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating presently pending claims 1-14 as allowed.

The patent application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry and careful consideration of this Response and an early indication of allowance is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes there is any issue that could be resolved by a telephone conference or a personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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